

CARR, John William



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John William (known as Jack) Carr was born at Waterloo, Sydney, NSW in 1890. He was the youngest of seven children born to John and Mary Carr of Eveleigh St, Redfern.

John entered HAC, aged 18, for the Special Piggery course in 1909, coming 2nd in the year. In 1910 John commenced the Full Diploma Course, was a member of the Ambulance Class and Student librarian for the College's Christian Union. He gained the First Year Certificate at the end of the year.

John performed as part of a quartette and sang '...in fine style...' (HAC Journal March 1911) at the weekly Saturday night College evenings, events such as a farewell night for a long serving College staff member and a concert in aid of the Windsor Hospital. He was a member of College Rifle Club and achieved the 2nd Year Certificate in 1911.

John was Choirmaster for the College Christian Union and completed the Hawkesbury Diploma in Agriculture in 1912.

John's College reference stated he "...gained the Piggery Certificate with Honours [and went on to finish with a Full Diploma]. It's a pleasure to state that throughout his career his conduct was irreproachable. He proved a very willing worker and an excellent student. He seized every opportunity...offered here and gained the goodwill and high esteem of every lecturer of the College... He possesses a sympathetic disposition. In my opinion he

would prove an efficient teacher in agricultural subjects" (12/015683 CARR, JW (Hawkesbury Diploma of Agriculture (HDA) & Special Course - Piggery)).

By December 1912, John was working at Pine Hall Stud Farm, Ashton, via Coramba, NSW. This was a 310 acre property where there were dairy cows and an orchard.

John was living and working on a dairy farm at Leeton, NSW, by July 1913, and was experimenting with grasses and irrigation/drainage.

By June 1915, John had taken up 30 acres of land at Yanco. The land had been heavily timbered but about 18 acres were cleared for lucerne, oats, barley, tomato, citrus crops, and pig-raising. John was still farming at Leeton, NSW when enlisted 18 July 1916 in the 45th Battalion, 6th Reinforcement.

Embarking from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A40 *Ceramic* on 7 October 1916, John served in France rising to the rank of Lance Corporal.

Mr F.D. Inman, a resident of Leeton, wrote to the College towards the end of 1918 saying John's "... farm is being cared for by the Irrigation Commission and is in very fine order, being principally planted with citrus. If poor Jack should have the good fortune to return (which we hope he will) he will be able to settle down on his cosy little farm, which promises to give him all that one can desire" (HAC Journal Nov 1918 p.144).

Sadly, on a night patrol at Villers-Bretonneux on 29 April 1918 (a Court of Enquiry in 1919 determined) John was Killed in Action, aged just 27.

With no known grave, John is commemorated at the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France.